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SUBJ: HUNGARIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC

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- 1. FONOFF ACTING DIRECTOR OF SECTION FOR VIETNAM INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS) CALLED IN EMBOFF LATE AFTERNOON FEB 5 TO INFORM HIM OF HUNGARIAN DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM XUAN LOC. MADE FOLLOWING POINTS, READING FROM TYPED NOTES.
- 2. ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS GOH HAS BEEN FORCED TO STATE THAT SAIGON GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE OBSTRUCTED WORK OF HUNGARIAN ICCS REPRESENTATION AND NOT PROPERLY CARED FOR DELEGATION SECURITY IN THOSE AREAS UNDER THEIR CONTROL. A SERIES OF ACTIONS AGAINST ICCS DETACHMENTS AT INDIVIDUAL SITES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, MOST SERIOUS INCIDENT HAVING TAKEN PLACE JAN 10 AT XUAN LOC INSPECTION SITE WHERE HUNGARIAN ICCS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMMUNITY AND PRIVILEGES WERE VIOLATED IN FLAGRANTLY

CRUDE MANNER. FOLLOWING THIS A HOTILE AND SLANDEROUS PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN BEGAN, DIRECTED AGAINST THE HUNGARIAN DELEGATION.

- 3. SINCE SAIGON AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT CHANGED THEIR ANTI-HUNGARIAN ICCS DELEGATION BEHAVIOR, GOH RESERVES RIGHT TO TAKE ANY STEP CONSIDERED NECESSARY IN INTERESTS OF GUARANTEEING THE IMMUNITIES AND PRIVILEGES OF ITS DELEGATION TO ICCS AND TO SECURE SAFETY OF ITS PERSONNEL, INCLUDING IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF HUNGARIAN PERSONNEL FROM INDIVIDUAL INSPECTION SITES THREATENED BY HOSTILE ACTIVITIES.
- 4. FONOFF OFFICIAL CONCLUDED WITH STATEMENT THAT CONSIDERING SAIGON ADMINISTRATION'S DISCRIMINATORY BEHAVIOR AGAINST HUNGARIANS, GOH WISHED AGAIN TO CONVEY ITS CONCERN TO USG AND CALL ITS ATTENTION TO UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR OF SAIGON ADMINISTRATION. RECOGNIZING THAT FONOFF OFFICIAL HAD SAID NOTHING CONCRETE RE HUNGARIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC, EMBOFF ASKED HIM POINTBLANK WHETHER IN FACT HUNGARIANS HAD VACATED AREA. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY HAD DONE SO ON JAN 25.
- 5. THROUGHOUT, FONOFF OFFICIAL WAS CAREFUL TO CONFINE HIS REMARKS TO ACTIVITIES OF SAIGON REGIME AND NOT TO ATTRIBUTE IMPLICITLY OR OTHERWISE BLAME TO USG. FONOFF OFFICIAL APOLOGIZED FOR CALLING IN EMBOFF, SAYING EMBASSY HAD PROBABLY ALREADY LEARNED OF HUNGARIAN WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC. HOWEVER, HE SAID FONOFF FELT IT NECESSARY TO OFFICIALLY AND FORMALLY INFORM U.S. OF ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM XUAN LOC AND REASONS FOR IT, I.E. SAIGON GOVERNMENT'S ORGANIZING OF INCIDENT INVOLVING GROUP OF PETITIONERS ARMED WITH ROCKS AND CLUBS WHO THREATENED SECURITY OF ICCS TEAM.
- 6. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT, JUDGING FROM LANGUAGE USED IN PARA 3 ABOVE AND EDITORIALS IN POLISH PRESS (WARSAW 682), BOTH POLAND HUNGARY HAVE SERVED NOTICE OF THEIR INTENTION TO WITHDRAW OTHER TEAMS WHENEVER THEY CONSIDER SECURITY OF ICCS DELEGATIONS TO BE THREATENED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SO FAR HUNGARIAN PRESS HAS HAD NO EDITORIAL COMMENT RE XUAN LOC INCIDENT -- ONLY BRIEF, STRAIGHT NEWS STORIES RE HUNGARIAN AND POLISH WITHDRAWALS FROM SITE. MUDD

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